

Friends of Latchmore

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Dear Mr. May,

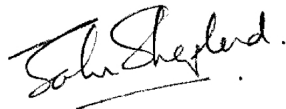
Latchmore stream restoration project: public concerns

I refer to the letter of 14 March from Ms. Westwood, but note that I await a response to my letter of 14 March, and a substantive response to my letter of 25 February.

I have informed you in my letter of 1 March that the decision apparently taken by the HLS Board, and accepted by the Court of Verderers, to proceed with the Latchmore project, was based on demonstrably erroneous information regarding the state of consultation and public opinion. I am astonished that you therefore apparently do not consider that "significant new information" has been brought to your attention. We certainly maintain that this means that the decision to proceed is unsound and needs to be reconsidered. Indeed the whole process of public consultation has been seriously deficient.

I regret that I shall be away and so am unable to attend the meeting of the Verderers' Court next week, but I shall be happy to make a presentment in Open Court on these matters on a future occasion.

Yours sincerely,



Professor John Shepherd CBE FRS (Chair: the Friends of Latchmore)

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